Corn Growers Encouraged to Vote in Board Elections

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MADISON – Corn growers who reside, produce and sell corn in Districts 3, 5 and 6 are encouraged to vote in the Wisconsin Corn Promotion Board election. The Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) will accept ballots postmarked by January 4, 2012.

Corn growers running for the Wisconsin Corn Promotion Board and the counties they represent include:

- District 3 Ron Fenner of Ripon and James Zimmerman of Rosendale (Forest, Florence, Marinette, Langlade, Oconto, Shawano, Door, Outagamie, Brown, Kewaunee, Winnebago, Calumet, Manitowoc, Fond du Lac and Sheboygan counties.)
- District 5 Joe Zenz of Lancaster (LaCrosse, Vernon, Crawford, Richland, Grant, Iowa and Lafayette counties.)
- District 6 Howard Hartmann of Prairie du Sac (Sauk and Dane counties).

One director from each of the districts will be elected to serve a three-year term beginning February 1, 2012 and ending January 31, 2015. The Board has nine members that represent about 20,000 growers in the state.

The Wisconsin Corn Promotion Board is responsible for the administration of Wisconsin's corn marketing order, which assesses each corn producer \$0.005 or one-half of a cent per bushel of corn grown in this state and sold into commercial channels. The Board decides how to spend the collected assessment for research, market development and educational programs that will benefit the entire industry.

To receive a ballot, contact DATCP's Noel Favia at 800-942-2474 or at noel.favia@wisconsin.gov.

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